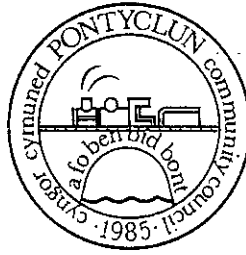


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Minutes of the meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council held in the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 6 February, 1991.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Professor I D Bowen, Mrs A Burton (Chairlady), Mr T J Burton, Mr V P James, Mr R G Norman, Mrs O P Phillips and Mrs D Richards-Clarke

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Miss Angela Griffiths of the Llantrisant Observer

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Community Councillors Mrs I V Evans and Mr R C Kennard

2. Order of business

RESOLVED: That the order of business be revised and that a planning application under item 13 (a) be discussed as the first item of business.

3. Planning application No. 56/0013/91

The Council received a deputation of residents seeking the Council's support in opposing planning application No.56/0013/91. The residents felt very strongly that permission should not be granted by the Borough Council. After hearing the points made by the deputation the Council resolved to oppose the application on the grounds that:-

- (a) Consent to the application would compound an earlier planning infringement.
- (b) Adjacent properties would suffer significant loss of light
- (c) Adjacent properties would suffer significant loss of privacy

4. Minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 January, 1991

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Council's meeting of 2 January, 1991, be approved as an accurate record subject to the addition of the words "and suggesting the erection of a footbridge to run 'inside' the stone bridge" after the word "pedestrians" in the resolution to Minute No 15 (c)

*C. Burton*

5. Matters arising

(a) Old Church School, School Street, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported the substance of the discussions which had taken place between representatives of the Community Council and the Parochial Church Council about the possibility of a joint venture to acquire a major community facility at the Old Church School, School Street, Pontyclun. The Council was enthusiastic about the proposal especially as it appeared that the Welsh Office would contribute a substantial part of the expenditure.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk ask for the proposals of the Parochial Church Council in writing
- (ii) That the Clerk obtain details of grant aid from the Welsh Office
- (iii) That the Clerk discuss the proposal with the District Auditor
- (iv) That, in anticipation of replies from the Parochial Church Council, the Welsh Office and the District Auditor, a special meeting of the Council's Finance Committee be convened in the Pontyclun Community Centre a half an hour before the next meeting of the Community Council

(b) Installation of Footway Lighting, Windsor Field, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had continued to impress upon the Chief Environmental Health Officer of the Borough Council and the Health and Safety Executive the urgency of obtaining a decision on whether it was safe to connect the footpath lighting along the Windsor Field. It appeared ironical that other users of the Field were allowed to smoke and display naked lights without restriction. Members reported that recently, the contractors installing the new sewer along the Field had been firing braziers without restriction.

- RESOLVED: That the Clerk continue to pressure the Environmental Health Officer and the Health and Safety Executive for a decision.

(c) Proposal to re-open the railway station in Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that he had made enquiries with the County Planning Officer about the latest position on the proposal to re-open the railway station in Pontyclun. He had been advised that the proposal for Pontyclun was a part of the larger proposal to open a commuter service from Tondy to Cardiff. Discussions between the Mid Glamorgan County Council and British Rail were at an advanced stage and needed to be finalised by 31 March, 1991, if the scheme was to come to fruition. If all negotiations were settled within the timescale envisaged, it was hoped that track improvements, signalling alterations, purchase of rolling stock and building work would be completed to allow the first trains to call at Pontyclun in the Autumn of 1992.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

6. Minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 22 January, 1991

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee's meeting of 22 January, 1991 be approved as an accurate record.

7. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

8. Adoption of Finance Committee's recommendations

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be adopted.

9. Community facilities in Pontyclun -  
Letter from the Secretary of the Pontyclun Labour Party

The Community Council discussed a letter from Mrs Margaret Griffiths, Secretary of the Pontyclun Labour Party, about the possibility of setting up a working party to discuss the provision of community facilities in Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That as evidence of the Community Council's endeavours to increase the provision of community facilities in the Community of Pontyclun, the Clerk refer Mrs Griffiths to:-

- (a) The discussions taking place with the Parochial Church Council to utilise the Old Church School.

- (b) The recently provided views to the Chief Planning and Industrial Development Officer of the Borough Council on the shortfall in Community facilities for incorporation into the review of the Llantrisant Local Plan.
- (c) The protestations made by the Community Council at the Borough Council's decision to sell off a plot of land in Miskin which had originally been earmarked for the site of a village hall.
- (d) The continuing efforts of Councillors James and Norman, elected members of the Borough Council, to win further spending for community facilities in the Community of Pontyclun.

10. Wayleave through Ivor Woods

The Council discussed a letter from J&G Developments (South Wales) Ltd about the grant of a wayleave through the Ivor Woods. The Clerk reported that he had already referred the matter to the Council's legal advisers and the District Valuer and Valuation Officer for their comments.

RESOLVED: That the actions of the Clerk be approved.

11. New sewerage scheme, Pontyclun

The Clerk reported that contractors acting on behalf of Welsh Water would shortly be starting excavations to lay a new sewer in Pontyclun. It was planned that tunnelling work would take place beneath the Council owned public conveniences in Llantrisant Road, Pontyclun. In advance of any work commencing, Welsh Water had provided the Community Council with a detailed record, supported with photographs, of the condition of the conveniences.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

12. Miskin War Memorial

In accordance with the Council's request to obtain an estimate of the cost of carrying out repair work to the engraved names on the Miskin War Memorial, a written quotation was received from M Harding and Sons, Monumental Sculptors, Bridgend, in the sum of £2,000.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the Clerk arrange for two further quotations for the work.
- (ii) That the Clerk contact the Royal British Legion to find out if that organisation was prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of repair works.
- (iii) That, in view of the traditional connection between the Memorial and St David's Church, Miskin, the Clerk contact the vicar to find out whether the Church would be prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of repair works.

13. Community Council election costs

The Council discussed a letter from the Borough Council's Returning Officer in which he pointed out that, in the past, the cost of holding community council elections had been met out of the Borough precept for special expenses of communities. Under new financial practices, effective from 1 April, 1990, the cost of holding community council elections would fall directly on community councils. The Returning Officer advised that the change should be borne in mind when community councils were setting their precepts.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

14. Tree Preservation Orders

(i) Land at Mwyndy

The Council was pleased to note that, following the abandonment of plans for a large scale industrial development at Mwyndy, the Borough Council were proceeding with a tree preservation order for the area.

RESOLVED: (a) That the information be noted.

- (b) That a copy of the Order be forwarded to Mr Dan Clayton Jones in Mwyndy for his information.

(ii) Sewer improvement works, Pontyclun

The Council considered the letter of the Chief Planning Officer of the Borough Council, dated 27 December, 1990, in which he stated that the tree felling which had taken

place in connection with the new sewer improvement works was outside the area of the tree preservation order for trees lying to the south of Heol Miskin. The Chief Planning Officer had made enquiries with Welsh Water to find out what their plans were for replacing the trees which had been felled. He had received an assurance that provision had been made for replanting in the first planting season after reinstatement of the land.

RESOLVED: That the information be noted.

15. Application for the transfer of a Justices' Licence

The Council considered the application for the transfer of the Justices' Licence at the Bute Arms, Pontyclun.

RESOLVED: That the application be noted.

16. Planning

(a) Weekly Notifications for Weeks 1, 2, 3 and 4

The Council discussed planning applications contained in Weekly Notifications 1, 2, 3, and 4. (It was noted that the Borough Council had not issued planning notifications for Weeks 51 and 52).

RESOLVED: That in addition to the views contained in Minute 3, the following comments be made to the Taff Ely Borough Council:-

Application No. 56/0987/90

That the Council support the application but that the attention of the Borough Council be drawn to the County Council's existing plans to widen Cowbridge Road, Brynsadler.

Application No. 56/1010/90

That the Council oppose the application on the grounds that the proposal would lead to an intrusion into the countryside.

Application No. 56/0017/91

That while the Council was not opposed to the erection of the sign, it was disappointed to find that the erection had taken place in advance of the application being considered.

Additionally, that when all the properties for sale had been sold, that action would be taken to remove the sign promptly.

(b) Application No 56/0876/90

RESOLVED: That the reply of the Chief Planning and Industrial Development Officer of the Borough Council, agreeing with the views of the Community Council, be noted.

(c) Application No. 56/0956/90

RESOLVED: That the letter from Mr Clear, and the reply of the Clerk, be noted.

17. Payment of Creditors

RESOLVED: That payment be approved to the creditors listed in Appendix 16 to the Agenda.

18. Reports from Members

(a) "Safe and Secure"

Councillor Norman reported that the distribution of items under "Safe and Secure" had encountered some early problems. However, following the involvement of the Llantrisant Town Ward of Age Concern, the distribution was now running more smoothly. The Mid Glamorgan Fire Service had also become involved in the project, lending their expertise in the installation of smoke detectors.

The report was noted.

(b) Councillor Norman reported that despite the strong objections put forward by himself and Councillor James at the Borough Council, the Planning Committee had awarded planning consent for residential development on a field adjacent to St Anne's Court in Talygarn.

The report was noted.

(c) Roadworks in Talygarn

Councillor Norman reported that he had received a number of complaints from Talygarn residents about the state of the roads, pavements, hedgerows and grassverges, following the installation of a gas main. He stated that he had followed the matter

up with the local Highways and Transportation Depot and had been told that an inspector would be sent to visit the area.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the County Council asking that the reinstatement works be expedited.

(d) Maesyfelin Playing Fields

Councillor Norman expressed his concern about the continued deterioration in the Maesyfelin playingfields. He intended raising the matter at Borough Council with a view to the Borough carrying out regular maintenance works and sought the support of the Community Council for his initiative.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the Borough Council in support of Councillor Norman.

(e) Planning infringements - Ivor Park, Talygarn

Councillor James reported that the builder at Ivor Park, Talygarn, was in breach of his consent to develop the land. Councillor James intended taking the matter up with the Borough Council with a view to instituting enforcement action.

The report was noted.

(f) Road and pavement improvements, Pontyclun

Councillor Bowen reported that as a result of the deterioration of the roads and pavements in Pontyclun the County Council proposed carrying out extensive maintenance works in early spring.

The report was noted.

(g) Kidney Research Unit - Sponsored Walk

The Chairlady, Councillor Mrs Burton, reported that the 1991 Sponsored Walk in aid of kidney research would take place on Sunday, 17 March, 1991. Although the route of the Walk in the two previous years had been via Mwyndy and Groesfaen, it was felt that consideration needed to be given to a route which did not require the walkers to cross over a busy dual carriageway. Mrs Burton intended liaising with the police on an alternative route.

The report was noted.



19. Any other business of an urgent nature

(a) Debris on banks of river Ely

Councillor James asked that at the next meeting of the Community Council, the Council give consideration to ways in which the Council could assist in cleaning up the banks of the river Ely.

RESOLVED: That the matter be placed on the agenda for the next Community Council meeting.

(b) Bus shelter, Heol Miskin

The Clerk reported the receipt of the invoice for the construction of the bus shelter in Heol Miskin, Pontyclun. The builder had also forwarded an invoice he had received from British Gas for a repair to a gas service which had been fractured during the course of the building work.

RESOLVED: (i) That the invoice for the construction of the bus shelter be paid.

(ii) That the Council decline to pay the invoice for the repair to the gas service and that the invoice be returned to the builder.

(c) Wales Association of Community and Town Councils - Community Councils in Wales

The Clerk reported that he had received notification from the Secretary to the Association that the report commissioned from the Polytechnic of Wales examining the role of community and town councils in Wales, and comparing their roles with similar tiers of local government in Western Europe, was now available.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk order 13 copies of the report and that one copy be placed in the public library.

20. The meeting ended at 9.20p.m.